

Subject: Watauga County MSW

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Mark,

I mentioned this in our staff meeting in Hickory and you said to remind you once the Hydro county assignments had been made.

In December 2004, Larry Rose sent Watauga County an NOV for Methane levels at the property boundaries. In January 2005, the county responded in letter to Matt Gamble about how they intended to fix the problem by installing a collection system with the help of Blue Ridge Resource Conservation and Development Council as well as complete more monitoring. They felt like installing off-site monitors in neighboring homes was counterproductive due to various issues noted in the letter.

Sometime shortly before Matt left the section, he and I met with JV Potter to discuss these issues and to determine if the county had been properly monitoring off-site at nearby homes. It was determined that 4 of the 5 homes were allowing periodic monitoring (monthly) in their homes, however one resident denied the county entry into his yet said they could test outside.

I felt as if Matt was ok with the steps taken by the county as they applied to the NOV and that he was going to draft a letter stating that. However, the letter was never written before Matt left.

To date, the county has a collection system in place and is currently operating a flare. They continue to due the monitoring. They are still working with BRRC&CD to get grants for a greenhouse and possibly a pottery kiln for the site. There is also plans to install a generator to allow heating of on-site buildings like the maintenance building and the new scale house, once constructed.

The county would like to get the issue of compliance resolved.

Could you please advise me on how to move forward to get this NOV issue officially resolved?

Thanks

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